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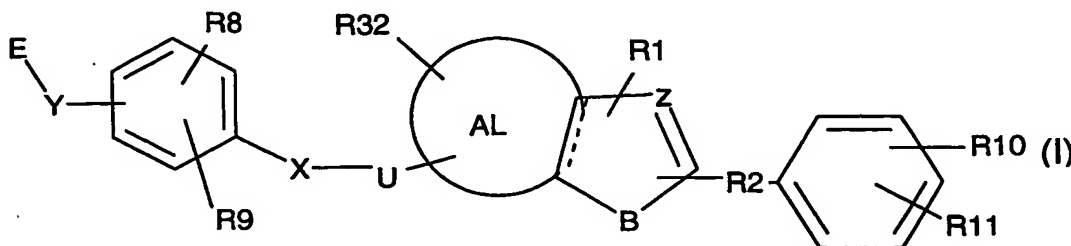
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to compounds represented by the following structural formula, Formula I: wherein (a) X is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, O, S, S(O)<sub>2</sub> and N; (b) U is an aliphatic linker; (c) Y is selected from the group consisting of C, O, S, NH and a single bond; (d) E is C(R<sub>3</sub>) (R<sub>4</sub>)A or A and wherein (i) A is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, tetrazole, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl nitrile, carboxamide, sulfonamide and acylsulfonamide; (e) B is selected from the group consisting of S, O, C, and N; (f) Z is selected from the group consisting of N and C; with the proviso that when B is C then Z is N.



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